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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
PHILIP S. GREEN) Examiner: LEE, R.
Application No.: 08/709,965)
Filed: September 9, 1996) Art Unit: 2713
For: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL)
INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR) AMENDMENT
USE (AS AMENDED))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 1997, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26-38 and 40-46, and please add claims 47-57, as follows. All claims are set forth for convenient reference.

1. 26. (Amended) An endoscopic surgical instrument
2 comprising a control section and an insertion section wherein:
3 the insertion section is insertable [adapted to be
4 inserted] into a patient through a small incision to a location
5 adjacent a worksite in the patient;
6 the insertion section comprises a rigid forearm link, a
7 wrist link and an end effector wherein:

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